

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 405

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor Mitchell Gibbons upon his outstanding career as the quarterback for the Oak Ridge High School football team.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a young man who, having achieved great success on the high school gridiron, will most certainly excel in all aspects of life during a bright future; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Gibbons has broken numerous program records during his illustrious tenure as the quarterback for the Oak Ridge High School (ORHS) Wildcats, and after graduation, he will continue to ply his football skills at The University of the South; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Gibbons is respected by his teammates as a quiet leader whose dedication was evident in his presence and focus at every workout and practice; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell's stellar performance during games reflected the many hours he spent preparing to play quarterback at the highest level; both his personal coach and his coaches at Jefferson Middle School were instrumental in building his character and skill; and

WHEREAS, he most definitely has internalized the motto, "Discipline, Teamwork, Hard Work, Never Quit!" in meeting the high expectations of the ORHS coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Gibbons led the Oak Ridge Wildcats freshman team to an undefeated season in 2017, before moving to the varsity team in 2018; and

WHEREAS, a true gunslinger as a quarterback, Mr. Gibbons set the ORHS Wildcat Football record for single-game passing yardage with 342 passing yards versus Farragut High School in 2020; he also racked up the seventh, eighth, and ninth highest totals in that category versus Fulton High School, Campbell County High School, and Rhea County High School, respectively; and

WHEREAS, he tied the ORHS record for most touchdown passes in a single game with five versus Campbell County High School in 2019 and also tied the third-highest total in that category five times versus Clinton High School (2019), Karns High School (2019 and 2020), Hardin Valley Academy (2020), and Farragut (2020); and

WHEREAS, this dynamic quarterback finished second in ORHS history with twenty-four single-season touchdown passes (2019) and also holds the fifth-highest total in that category with twenty-two touchdown passes in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Gibbons is twelfth in ORHS history in single-season total offense with 2,108 yards (2,094 passing and fourteen rushing) during the 2020 campaign and also posted the eighteenth-highest total in that category with 1,964 (1,811 passing and 153 rushing) for the 2019 season; and

WHEREAS, he ranks sixth in ORHS history in career total offense with 4,573 yards during his 2018-2020 varsity career; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Gibbons set the ORHS record for single-season passing yardage with 2,094 passing yards in 2020 and also secured the sixth-highest total in that category with 1,811 yards in 2019; and

WHEREAS, perhaps most impressive among his many accomplishments are his ORHS records for career passing yardage with 4,385 passing yards and career passing touchdowns with fifty-one during his 2018-2020 varsity career; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Gibbons will attend The University of the South at Sewanee this fall on an academic scholarship, and he has secured a roster spot on the Sewanee Tigers football team; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Gibbons has distinguished himself as one of the greatest players and most elite quarterbacks in ORHS football history, and he is richly deserving of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mitchell Gibbons upon his outstanding career as the quarterback for the Oak Ridge High School Wildcats and wish him much continued success on the gridiron and in the classroom at The University of the South this fall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.